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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL MAYOR

June 27, 2018

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I transmit herewith, together with Aldermen Burke, Austin and Sawyer, a resolution concerning the life and memory of George Leighton.

Your favorable consideration of this resolution will be appreciated.

Mayor

Very truly yours,

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adopud by Tlie Gity Gouncil ofthe Qity of Gkicago, Illinois

Aldermen Edward M. Burke, Carrie M. Austin, Roderick T. Sawyer and resented by Mayor Rahm Emanuel _{0K} June 27, 2018

^fth(!fB0lS' The Members of:ttijs Chamber 'vj/er.e deeply -saddened to learn of the ded'th/ori June 6;'2018, at age ^OJ/pf'Judge George N. Leighton. Judge' Leighton served the people of Chicago With dedication and distinction for more than six decades, a remarkable-tenure; and • ■ , ; • .

WHERE& 1912 as'Geprge Leitadi in Massachusetts. 'Growing up* ihe_v.wbfke^...iw'jth .His^pqrenfs. -immigrants 'from the Cape Verde IsldndsMn "the/cranbefryv^^ -wife, Virginia,,and' the. -frappyicoup ejwas married. f@Ftiaeariy 50iyears until Viraini.avs.passing,in 1992;and;

After .graduating'from'. Howard3iQili?.#0;-he .enrolled':at Harvard' Law. Sehpol,; .pausing ;ftis . slegal. studies briefly^serve in^the.Se.c©nd>VVorld'War,..beforegraduating in I?46;.and ".

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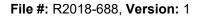
WHEREAS) George Le^htQh^erS/ied bravely during World War Il'iri the segregated 93'? I rn f a n tr?J>' iy r s i 6 ri 7 ^ffs 1 n q tp/ithe rank.pf •Cdpta'ih'and earning the Asiatic Pacific Service •• Medbl, Bronze Star; and

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WHEREAS, After gradugiiHg'fr|)"m law school, Geprge Leigh'tbn moved fo Chicago qrip'/beg'an a.stejli|fc^gre^ became g leading eiyil jigrits '.lawyer^ Representing'faWili^s -aifd individuals fighting for fair, housing and integrated schools; qnp! . . .

WHEREAS, George Leighton often took on cases pro bono, including traveling to the south to help protect voting rights in Alabama, ensure jury representation in Mississippi, and assist with other civil rights matters; and

WHEREAS, In 1960, Judge Leighton began his work with the judiciary, first serving as Master in Chancery for the Circuit Court of Cook County for four years, and then as a judge for five years with the Circuit Court of Cook County. In 1969, he became the first African American to hold the position of district appellate judge in Illinois, when he was appointed to serve on the First District Appellate Court; and



BE /T FURTHER RESOLVED. That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the family of Judge George N. Leighton as a token of our sympathy and esteem.